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Dear 2002 California Bridge Construction Forums attendees:

I would like to thank you for your attendance at the OSC/Bridge Contractor Forum in April. We had a good turnout of bridge building contractors and we got to hear what you had to say. We are building on our success from last year and appreciate you taking a part in that. Your willingness to be open with Caltrans about your concerns and bringing your ideas for improvement will benefit both industry and Caltrans. I sincerely hope that the bridge building contractors will continue to support this effort.

There has been one issue that has come up after the Forums that poses a problem. I need your assistance in dealing with this issue. Primarily, during our discussions, several ideas and proposals were brought up which we have every intention of investigating and implementing. However, changes take time to implement correctly and uniformly and cannot be instituted immediately. There are reports to my office that some contractors are requesting additional survey staking and other changes based on conversations at the forums. Our staff has not received direction on these proposals.

To alleviate this problem, I ask that you refrain from making additional requests based on discussions that occurred at the forums, and allow the Offices of Structure Construction to implement proposed improvements and changes via our normal processes. In some cases this may require specifications changes and modifications, in others it will require issuance of a procedure memo to all staff. We will keep you posted via the Internet website for the forum information.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Also, thank you again for your attendance and contributions to improve the Offices of Structure Construction operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dolores Valls".

DOLORES VALLS

Deputy Division Chief

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